

them would get up and defend the campaign finance reform bill that they are going to present before this House today. It is a disgrace.

We need to change our campaign finance system and we cannot get a bill to do it. They want to increase influence. Not one of their Members will come down and defend their bill. America is watching today, and Republicans will pay the price in November.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole under the 5-minute rule:

Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Commerce; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on the Judiciary; Committee on Resources; Committee on Small Business; and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado? There was no objection.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHAPLAIN OF THE HOUSE

(Mr. MYERS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, in the wee hours of this morning as we were finding a way to adjourn and come back this morning, one in our midst passed over the big 65. He joined the Medicare-eligible society that several of us have already joined.

If it were possible to sing happy birthday under the rules of the House we would do that this morning, but since we can't, we do wish it to our Chaplain, Jim Ford, who is now eligible to go on Medicare. Of course he looks that old, but it is kind of shocking to realize that he really is, because we have known Jim for a good many years now since he finally graduated from West Point and came down to join us.

But, Jim, we wish you many more happy ones. Your birthday almost sneaked by us here, but after we woke up this morning we realized that you are passing the big one, we wanted to take this opportunity.

So, happy birthday, Jim.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. I yield to the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman so much for pointing that out. It is such fun to see people get older, is it not, but especially our Chaplain, and he wears it very well.

I think the gentleman should sing. Is it truly without the rules?

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Reclaiming my time, it is against the rules of the House, yes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, how sad.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Most of us cannot sing. The rules really protect us.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. The gentleman is the only one who could.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Thank goodness we have that rule, otherwise we would be trying to do it all the time.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 3816) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, and that I may be allowed to include tabular and extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK). Pursuant to House Resolution 483 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3816.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3816) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with Mr. OXLEY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, amendment No. 14 offered by the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. HILLEARY] had been disposed of.

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 483, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order: Amendment No. 4 by Mr. OBEY of Wisconsin; an amend-

ment by Mr. SCHAEFER of Colorado; and amendments No. 15 and 16 by Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

The CHAIRMAN. The unfinished business is the request for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. OBEY:

On page 17, line 21, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(reduced by \$17,000,000)".

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIRMAN. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 198, noes 211, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 357]

AYES—198

Abercrombie	Ganske	McNulty
Ackerman	Gejdenson	Meehan
Andrews	Gephardt	Menendez
Baessler	Gibbons	Metcalf
Baldacci	Gilchrist	Millender-
Barrett (WI)	Gillmor	McDonald
Beilenson	Gilman	Miller (CA)
Berman	Goodlatte	Miller (FL)
Bilbray	Goodling	Minge
Bilirakis	Goss	Mink
Bishop	Green (TX)	Moakley
Blumenauer	Gunderson	Molinari
Boehlert	Gutknecht	Moran
Bonior	Hancock	Morella
Boucher	Harman	Nadler
Brown (FL)	Hastings (FL)	Neal
Brown (OH)	Hefley	Neumann
Brownback	Hilleary	Oberstar
Bunning	Hinchey	Obey
Camp	Hoekstra	Olver
Campbell	Hoke	Orton
Cardin	Horn	Owens
Castle	Hostettler	Pallone
Chabot	Istook	Payne (NJ)
Christensen	Jacobs	Payne (VA)
Chrysler	Jefferson	Pelosi
Clay	Johnson (SD)	Peterson (MN)
Coble	Johnston	Petri
Coburn	Kaptur	Pomeroy
Collins (MI)	Kennedy (MA)	Porter
Conyers	Kennedy (RI)	Poshard
Cooley	Kildee	Rahall
Costello	Kingston	Ramstad
Cummings	Klug	Rangel
Cunningham	Kolbe	Reed
Danner	LaHood	Richardson
Deal	Lantos	Rivers
DeFazio	Largent	Rohrabacher
DeLauro	LaTourette	Ros-Lehtinen
Dellums	Leach	Roukema
Deutsch	Levin	Roybal-Allard
Dickey	Lewis (GA)	Royce
Dixon	LoBiondo	Sabo
Doggett	Lofgren	Salmon
Duncan	Longley	Sanders
Durbin	Lowey	Sanford
Engel	Luther	Sawyer
Ensign	Maloney	Saxton
Eshoo	Manton	Scarborough
Evans	Manzullo	Schroeder
Ewing	Markey	Schumer
Farr	Martinez	Sensenbrenner
Fields (LA)	Martini	Serrano
Filner	Matsui	Shadegg
Foley	McCarthy	Shaw
Frank (MA)	McDermott	Shays
Franks (NJ)	McHale	Skaggs
Furse	McKinney	Slaughter